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DATE: December 19, 2013

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Billing a Wellness Exam and a Sick Visit – Revision
Updated Information Shown as Highlighted Below

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Iowa Medicaid members may receive an annual preventive wellness exam from any enrolled Iowa Medicaid physician, RHC, FQHC or ARNP.

Members of the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan are encouraged to complete wellness exams through the use of incentives as part of an emphasis on pro-active healthcare management. Primary care providers are encouraged to engage Iowa Health and Wellness Plan members in their healthcare to earn an optional annual incentive payment. Regardless of the Medicaid program the member is a part of, a wellness exam is covered even if it is done on the same day as a sick visit.

A wellness visit should include all of the components specified in the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Standard Edition for the preventive medicine codes shown below. To the extent that any components are included during the “sick” visit, they can count toward meeting the requirements of the preventive medicine visit.

Providers should append the 25 modifier (meaning “distinct service”) to the additional E/M service being performed on the same date.

Wellness exam codes are listed below.

| New Patient CPT Codes | | Established Patient CPT Codes | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 99381 | Less than 1 year of age | 99391 | Less than 1 year of age |
| 99382 | 1-4 years of age | 99392 | 1-4 years of age |
| 99383 | 5-11 years of age | 99393 | 5-11 years of age |
| 99384 | 12-17 years of age | 99394 | 12-17 years of age |
| 99385 | 18-39 years of age | 99395 | 18-39 years of age |
| 99386 | 40-64 years of age | 99396 | 40-64 years of age |
| 99387 | 65 years of age and older | 99397 | 65 years of age and older |

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.